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## Celebrating Our Neighbourhood in June

As we prepare to celebrate another event with our neighbours, it is worthwhile noting some of the interesting facts about the history of Ranchlands.

Did you know...

During the last ice age, 15,000 years ago, ice sheets wore away the rock and gravel. The Ranchlands Hills Parks plan set aside land to maintain a sense of 'ranch land' for residents in the surrounding community. The park preserves the geological features called "knobs and kettles". Much of northwest Calgary was once a field of knobs and kettles but Ranchlands Park is among the last remnants left in a natural state. The plan for Ranchlands was drafted in 1976 as part of the Urban development plan. The site is significant because this park holds pathways, trails, soccer fields, ball diamonds, tennis courts, and the Ranchlands and St. Rita Elementary Schools.

On May 5, we hosted a Jane's Walk – this organization facilitates neighbourhood walks all over North America for people interested in exploring our spaces with others. We had 15 people take part in our "Round-Up Ranchlands" event. As we walked 2.5 kms of pathway, we observed some of the lovely parts of Ranchlands, including great parks and green spaces. We finished on the top of the Ranchlands Hill enjoying the view in all directions.

We have also noted some areas that need some care and attention that were discussed at our May board meeting. The board will have a retreat this July to go through areas that can be done simply with minimal cost and big projects that we will engage the City and apply for any grants. If you have an area that you know is a problem, please let us know through the office at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com or email me at president@ranchlandscommunity.com.

Upcoming events to support keeping our personal and community spaces looking great:

There will be a Parade of Garage Sales on June 14. Registration and routes will be available early in June. Our neighbourhood Cleanup Day will happen August 23. More information will be on our website and Facebook page.

As a reminder, our annual Neighbour Day celebration will be Saturday, June 21 from 2:00 to 5:30 pm at the community hall. We will have family-friendly activities along with a space friendly for adults to mix and mingle. We look forward to meeting many of you there.

*Kathy Ervin*

President, Ranchlands Community Association




Before *Shrek* had his iconic Scottish accent, Mike Myers originally voiced the ogre with a thick Canadian accent! After recording all his lines, Myers changed his mind and re-recorded everything in a Scottish accent which he felt better countered Lord Farquaad's English accent. Talk about an ogre-achiever!

# Summer Is Rolling In: What's Happening in Ranchlands This June



June in Ranchlands is shaping up to be full of energy, community spirit, and a little something for everyone!

We're kicking things off on June 1 with engines roaring and chrome gleaming at the Car Show, hosted by CerTech and Stavros. Whether you're a classic car enthusiast or just love a good excuse to be outside, it's the perfect way to start the month in style.

Next up, on June 6 and 7, Ranchlands plays its part in keeping the community strong with the RCA Casino Fundraiser. Volunteers are still welcome—it's a fun night out and a big help for local programs!

Clear out those closets and map your route, because the Parade of Garage Sales returns on June 14, proudly sponsored by Tara Molina Real Estate Group. It's a great chance to find hidden treasures or finally let go of that lamp you swore you'd fix.

Then it's time to celebrate community connections on June 21 for Neighbour Day. It's all about saying hello, sharing smiles, enjoying some outdoor games, having some snacks, and showing why Ranchlands is one of the friendliest corners of the city.

And finally, we're closing out the month with something brand new! On June 28, we're launching our very first Swap Shop—a fun, low-cost way to give gently used items a new home. Think of it as a community-wide treasure trade!

With events like these, June is the perfect time to get out, get involved, and enjoy everything Ranchlands has to offer. We'll see you out there!



## IN THE COMMUNITY

**Rise Calgary (formerly Bowwest Community Services):** 14 – 1840 Ranchlands Way NW

**Westview Baptist Church:** 1313 Ranchlands Way NW

**St. James Anglican Church:** 6351 Ranchview Drive NW

**Islamic Association of NW Calgary:** 7750 Ranchview Drive NW

**Al-Salam Centre:** 6415 Ranchview Drive NW

**Good Food Box:** Ranchlands' Depot is St. James Anglican Church

## Community Garden

You are invited to rent a garden box at the Ranchlands Community Garden at 1313 Ranchlands Way NW. Check out the improvements to the garden located in the SW corner of the property. Prices remain the same as last year: \$15 for a regular-sized 4x6 box, and \$20 for one of the large 4x10 boxes. Please email [wendy@westviewchurch.ca](mailto:wendy@westviewchurch.ca) or call 403-239-1114 to inquire about availability and to rent a garden box. Look forward to hearing from you!



## Joke of the Month



Why was the cellphone scared to go to the dentist?

He didn't want him to remove his blue tooth.

## Mark Your Calendars: The Great Ranchlands Community Parade of Garage Sales Returns June 14!

Get ready, treasure hunters and bargain lovers! The Great Ranchlands Community Parade of Garage Sales is back, and we hope bigger than ever on Saturday, June 14, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This is your chance to explore dozens of garage sales all across the neighbourhood in one epic day of deals, discoveries, and community fun. Whether you're hunting for household items, kids' gear, books, tools, clothes, or hidden treasures—you're bound to find something worth stopping for.

### Follow the Map to the Deals

This year, we're making it easier than ever to plan your route. With a new and improved interactive map being developed by a community resident and

businesswoman, you will be able to track participating homes, see sale highlights, and make sure you don't miss a thing. Details on how to access the map will be shared soon—keep your eyes on local community boards and social media pages.

### And That's Not All...

Rumour has it, there might be a few extra surprises sprinkled throughout the day. You never know what you'll find around the next corner!

Whether you're hosting a sale or hitting the streets to shop, the Great Ranchlands Community Parade of Garage Sales is the perfect way to connect with neighbours, recycle great items, and have some fun in the sun.

Tell your friends, bring your reusable bags, and get ready for a great day in Ranchlands!

For updates, or to register your home as a sale stop, check out our Facebook page or community website at [www.ranchlandscommunity.com](http://www.ranchlandscommunity.com).

## RANCHLANDS COMMUNITY

# Garage Sale



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# Help Us Reach More Families: Become a Monthly Donor to the Food Pantry



Every month, Ranchlands Food Pantry helps dozens of families put meals on the table—and the need keeps growing. Right now, our monthly donor base brings in \$70 per month. It's a

wonderful start, but to meet the increasing demand, we need to grow that support to \$200 per month.

That's where you come in.

We're asking you to consider becoming a monthly donor—not just a one-time giver, but someone who makes ongoing support part of their monthly routine. Even \$10 or \$15 a month makes a real difference when we all pitch in.

## Why Monthly Giving Matters

Monthly giving allows us to:

- Stock shelves consistently, especially with those key food items needed for young children and our local seniors.
- Respond quickly when new families reach out in crisis.
- Plan ahead for seasonal needs like school lunches, special meals, or other unexpected food needs.
- It cuts down on administrative costs, making your gift go further.

## The Challenge: \$130 More Per Month

To close the gap and reach our \$200 per month goal, we're looking for:

- 13 people to give \$10 per month
- Or nine people to give \$15 per month
- Or maybe you're in a position to give more? \$28.61 per month sponsors a whole hamper of staples for one of our local households.

## Be Part of a Bigger Story

When you become a monthly donor, you're not just giving food—you're giving relief, dignity, and hope. You're telling a family, "You're not alone."

To sign up, visit [ranchlandscommunity.com/donate/](http://ranchlandscommunity.com/donate/) or call the church office at 403-241-0335. Setting up monthly giving is easy, secure, and fully tax-deductible.

# Introducing the RCA Swap Shop!

For the months of June, July, and August, the Ranchlands Community Association will be running a Swap Shop once a month!

An easy way to declutter your home with purpose, you can pass along items you no longer need and keep usable items out of the landfill. It's a great way to be eco-friendly and lower your environmental impact by reusing instead of purchasing new, while also saving money.

Join us from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on:

- Sunday, June 29
- Sunday, July 27
- Sunday, August 24

Bring your gently used items any time during the event – but you don't need to bring anything in order to come and shop!

## What You Can Bring

We accept children's toys, small appliances, clothing, household goods, kitchen utensils, knickknacks/décor items and more. Please make sure items are clean and in good, usable condition.

## What Not to Bring

Large items including fitness equipment, medium to large furniture pieces, large appliances, and building supplies - these will not be accepted. However, we'll have a community bulletin board available so feel free to bring a poster if you have larger items you are looking to rehome.

\*Rule of thumb: If it won't fit in the trunk of a car, please bring a poster instead of the item!

After the event, remaining items will be donated to a local charity, ensuring that they find a new home.



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## More Than a Building: The Heart of Ranchlands



While Ranchlands has been a vibrant community for 45 years, our beloved Ranchlands Community Centre has been welcoming neighbours since 1986. The facility is cared for by our Facilities Coordinator, Anita Raffaele, and bookings are managed by our Office Coordinator, Jenn Sunstrum.

Over the years, the Community Centre has been home to many long-standing groups—Scouts and Guides have been meeting here for over 20 years, contributing in meaningful ways to our neighbourhood. More recently, we welcomed Pre-Kindergarten Educational Services, who now offer both a pre-kindergarten program and before-and-after school care. We're excited about this new addition and hope it becomes a great resource for local families.

Lately, we've seen a big increase in rentals—from birthday parties and baby showers to crafting days and community gatherings. After her first visit to our community centre, Lacey Stewart, from The Travelling Teacups, was just struck by the character of the building and summed it up beautifully:

"I really enjoyed getting this room ready today. When I arrived, the Community Coffee was just wrapping up and the vibe in the room was so positive. Have you ever experienced the feeling of a place?"

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## St. Rita School



At St. Rita, being a good community member means showing kindness, practicing empathy, and helping create inclusive, welcoming spaces for everyone. That's why our teachers worked hard this year to bring learning to life—through nature walks, field trips, Skate Shack, and more—while also helping students build vital social and emotional skills like self-regulation and conflict resolution.

Community outreach was also a big focus for us. Our choir performed at local events and seniors' residences—including a special visit to the Seniors Group that meets at the Ranchlands Community Association. And when it came time to plan our year-end dance, our students decided to give back by organizing a food drive to support the Ranchlands Food Pantry.

This year proved that you're never too young to make a difference! At St. Rita, our students showed that being a great community member means lending a hand, sharing a smile, and always looking out for one another—no matter your age.

## Here's What's Next for the 186th!



As another Scouting year comes to a close, the 186th Ranchlands Scouting Group has so much to be proud of—and it's all thanks to you.

To our incredible volunteers and leaders: Week after week, you inspire our youth with your creativity, patience, and dedication. Whether teaching knots, leading hikes, or simply being a role model, you make Scouting unforgettable. Thank you.

To the Ranchlands community: Your generosity—whether through bottle drives, popcorn sales, or words of encouragement—fuels everything we do. This group thrives because of your support.

A personal note from me: After many years - on and off - as the 186th Ranchlands Group Commissioner, I am *\*finally\** stepping down. (I mean it this time. No, really though.) Serving this Scouting family has been one of my greatest joys. Watching our youth grow in confidence and kindness—and seeing this community rally behind them—has been incredible. Thank you for letting me be part of it.

What's ahead? An exciting fall! We're planning the annual overnight Great Escape, skills camps, and hikes, and we'd love you to join in. We're seeking a new Group Commissioner—if you're eager to help guide the 186th's next chapter, email [186thRanchlandsScouts@gmail.com](mailto:186thRanchlandsScouts@gmail.com). No experience? No problem! Enthusiasm is all you need.

From all of us at the 186th: Thank you for making this group so special. The adventure continues!

Yours in Scouting,

*Christopher Tindall*

Outgoing Group Commissioner

186th Ranchlands Scouting

## Ranchlands School

It's hard to believe we're already in the final month of the school year! June is always a busy and exciting time at Ranchlands School, and this year is no exception. With field trips, Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests, and special celebrations—including National Indigenous Peoples Day—our students and staff are making the most of these last few weeks together.

Please note that the last day of classes is Thursday, June 26, with an early dismissal at 1:20 pm. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our families and the Ranchlands community for another wonderful year of learning, growth, and support.

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and fabulous summer break! We look forward to welcoming students back when school resumes on Tuesday, September 2.

Warm regards,

*The Ranchlands School Team*

## The Ranchlands Food Pantry - Ways You Can Help and Get Help

### Volunteer Opportunities

Join us in making a difference in our community! We have two exciting volunteer roles available:

**Hamper Drop-off Driver Volunteer:** We need dedicated individuals to help deliver food hampers to residents in need. Volunteers will collect hampers from the Ranchlands Food Pantry on the first and last Monday of each month (or Tuesday if Monday is a statutory holiday) between 5:00 to 5:30 pm and deliver them to Ranchlands residents' doorsteps. All deliveries are contactless. Volunteers must have their own reliable vehicle and a valid driver's license.

**Hamper Packing Volunteer:** We are seeking volunteers to pack hampers full of non-perishable items. This task takes place on the last Monday of every month between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Volunteers will follow a provided worksheet to assemble and label hampers with the corresponding requester numbers.

If you are interested or have any questions, please email [RFP@ranchlandscommunity.com](mailto:RFP@ranchlandscommunity.com). Your contribution helps make our community stronger and more supportive. Thank you for considering volunteering with us!

### Items In Need

Looking to make a direct impact in your community? Consider donating some of the items we frequently need, such as cereal, canned soups and vegetables, and canned meat like tuna and chicken. We also appreciate toiletries like toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, and toilet paper.

For regular updates on our most needed items, please visit our Facebook page. Donations can be dropped off at the Ranchlands Community Association RFP box, located in the foyer at 7713 Ranchview Drive NW. We are open from Monday to Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Your generosity makes a real difference!

### Assistance For Those Facing Food Insecurity

If you or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity, the Ranchlands Food Pantry is here to help. You can request a hamper by visiting our community webpage under the programs section. Please note that we are currently able to support Ranchlands residents only due to limited resources.

Together, we can build a stronger and more supportive Ranchlands community. Thank you for your support!

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Last 12 Months Ranchlands  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
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March 2025	\$594,850	\$580,200
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January 2025	\$449,900	\$440,000
December 2024	\$469,900	\$465,000
November 2024	\$609,450	\$607,100
October 2024	\$475,000	\$480,000
September 2024	\$504,950	\$501,000
August 2024	\$575,000	\$594,000
July 2024	\$562,000	\$580,000
June 2024	\$472,400	\$525,000
May 2024	\$440,000	\$455,750

Last 12 Months Ranchlands  
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
April 2025	14	16
March 2025	15	14
February 2025	17	14
January 2025	16	13
December 2024	5	7
November 2024	10	12
October 2024	15	15
September 2024	13	10
August 2024	11	9
July 2024	19	14
June 2024	18	20
May 2024	13	14

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## News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

We are celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of the City Nature Challenge and of iNaturalist Canada. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Calgary City Nature Challenge was on April 25 to 28, 2025. So far, the previous year was most successful with 13,000+ observations. Other micro bioblitzes will happen all this summer. The iNaturalist platform is being used to help provide up to date records of the occurrence of the flora and fauna of Nose Hill with particular emphasis on the native vascular and nonvascular plants, fungi, birds, mammals, butterflies, moths, and bees.

Nature Calgary is a community that promotes the preservation of natural habitats, provides educational opportunities, and supports the collection of natural history observations. This year, the group is focusing their efforts on Nose Hill and Bowmont Park. We were contacted to encourage our members to take pictures of the Nose Hill biota (animal and plant life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period) and submit the photographs to <https://inaturalist.ca/projects/nose-hill-park-bioinventory>.

The goal is to publish an updated version of "The Green Book" in time for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to monitor the changes in eleven Calgary Natural Areas. Whenever you visit a park, you can upload your observations to eBird and there are links to all these Parks at <https://inaturalist.ca/>. The project is being spearheaded by Nature Calgary and the Native Plants Council of Alberta - Calgary Chapter. In 1980 "The Green Book" was called "Calgary's Natural Areas: A Popular Guide" as one of the City's most extensive repositories of biodiversity. The first of its kind when data collection began in 1975, it was cited during the planning and creation of several of our Natural Parks. Many contributions provided by citizen scientists will add to the accuracy of the new publication and are greatly appreciated.

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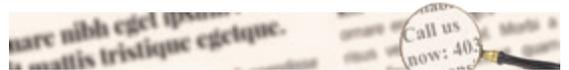
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### Register to Vote in Calgary's General Election in October

by *The City of Calgary*

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Visit [www.voterlink.ab.ca](http://www.voterlink.ab.ca) or call Elections Alberta toll free at 310-0000 then dial 780-427-7191.

If you miss the opportunity to register or update your information in advance, you can register at the voting station during Advance Vote (October 6 to 11) or on Election Day (October 20). Information about Calgary's upcoming General Election, including voter eligibility can be found at [www.electionscalgary.ca](http://www.electionscalgary.ca).

## SMOKIN'!

In 1994, Canadian actor and comedian Jim Carrey took Hollywood by storm, becoming the first actor to star in three consecutive box-office hits. Over the span of just eleven months, he headlined *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, *The Mask*, and *Dumb and Dumber*. Alrighty then!



## Guess the Year!

1. The Canadian dollar was established across Canada.
2. Canada sent its first national team to the summer Olympics in St. Louis.
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4. Alberta becomes a province of Canada.
5. The first railway opens in Canada.
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